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NRO review(s) completed.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Quality Processing and Reproduction of the
Products of Exotic Photographic Reconnaissance

1. Purpose: To establish a capability for handling present and future processing and reproduction requirements of exotic photographic reconnaissance products.

2. Discussion: The Eastman Kodak Processing Facility, currently processing the products of the U-2, CORONA, and ARCON, is essentially the same as those authorized at the beginning of the U-2 program in 1955 with jury-rigged innovations, procedural and mechanical, to attempt to meet new problems resulting from advanced collection equipment and problems arising from greatly expanded requirements for quantity.

3. We are, however, at a point in time where it is essential to face the question of what does the U.S. Government expect to be the future of exotic photographic reconnaissance and to establish the necessary processing and reproduction capabilities accordingly. The U.S. is by no means at the end of exotic photographic reconnaissance. We believe it essential and urgent to organize the processing and reproduction capabilities to match the advancing state of the art in photographic collection, else the latter is meaningless and the fundamental purpose of such collection, namely, acquisition of information, is frustrated. The history of the last six years has proved the wisdom of depending upon a contract facility whose entire reason for existence is competence in all aspects of photography to be responsible for handling the products of exotic photographic reconnaissance.

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4. Proposal: In order to meet the increasing U.S. Intelligence Community needs for processing and reproducing the products of exotic photographic reconnaissance, we are programming the following actions:

a. Establish a processing facility incorporating the environment required by today's and future photographic processing needs. This plan will include in its formulation consideration of the use of present U.S. Government facilities at Eastman Kodak in order to insure optimum use of facilities to fulfill overall government needs and to avoid unnecessary duplication.

b. Provide new equipment appropriate to meet today's requirements.

c. Staff this new facility with manpower required to expeditiously process and duplicate.

d. Conduct continuing development as may be necessary to insure successful solution of future problems for continued product improvement.

5. In connection with the foregoing proposal, there is submitted at Tab A an estimate of the funds which will be required for the fiscal year 1963.

6. I believe the above concepts are along the lines we have discussed with reference to insuring that NRO efforts will continue to exploit the most advanced state of the art techniques.

7. Any comments or recommendation prior to implementing these actions would be welcomed.

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/s/
HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.
Deputy Director
(Research)

Attachment:
Tab A

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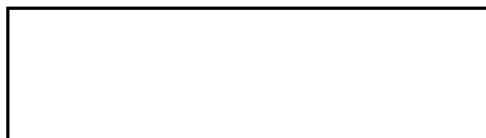
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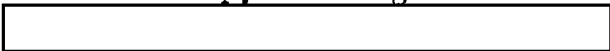
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office
SUBJECT: CIA Policy on Processing of Photography

1. As a means of clarifying responsibilities and procedures incident to the establishment of the National Reconnaissance Office there is submitted for your concurrence a summary statement on the policies which have long been followed in connection with the U-2 and the CORONA and ARGON programs, with some amendments which are in order to improve our operations.

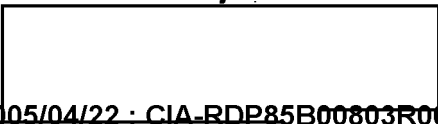
2. It is the responsibility of CIA to arrange for the processing of photography collected by Operations which the D/NRO has assigned to CIA. Because of the importance of the information which such operations are designed to collect, highest quality processing is the objective.

3. In carrying out its responsibility CIA looks to the Eastman Kodak Company to process the original negative and produce duplicate film resulting from satellite reconnaissance and advanced manned aircraft as rapidly as feasible consistent with the attainment of highest quality. In this connection there is separately submitted a proposal on the upgrading of the Eastman Kodak facility on which the comments of NRO are requested (see "Quality Processing and Reproduction of the Products of Exotic Photographic Reconnaissance," 

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4. To meet tactical or emergency situations, Community agreements have been established for the use of military processing centers overseas. A copy of the agreement is attached. Theater facilities 

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 are currently established processing centers under the agreement. Standby facilities have until 

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There is also a capability at [] which has been recently activated for a brief period of time. It may be necessary from time to time for NRO to designate additional centers. In current and future cases, it is necessary that these centers be so staffed and equipped that they will be able to meet the minimum standards required by the Community for speed, quality, and security. CIA would normally look to the United States Intelligence Board (Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance) for the definition of these needs. Insofar as the needs cannot be adequately met, CIA will request NRO to initiate action with the military services responsible. In this connection, should NRO or the military services desire, CIA will arrange with Eastman Kodak as has been done in the past for that company to provide advice, to assist in training personnel, and to facilitate the procurement of additional materials or equipments.

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5. CIA looks to the USIB (COMOR) for:

a. The determination of the number of duplicates required to meet U.S. intelligence needs and to determine the priority scheduling for programming the duplicate reproduction.

b. The recommendation of what photography collected should be processed with greatest urgency to meet tactical or emergency needs in order that CIA may make adequate arrangements including, if appropriate, the assignment of processing to designated U.S. military processing centers.

c. The mechanism whereby the CIA may systematically consult the exploiters of the photography to insure that the processing is accomplished for the maximum benefit of the consumer.

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6. It is understood that NRO will advise the consumer of upcoming programs in order that they may in good time develop and acquire the exploitation equipment necessary to exploit the products of the new programs and to prepare requirements for the guidance of Operations when new programs become operational. In the latter case, the COMOR is the appropriate body for the preparation of requirements on behalf of the United States Intelligence Board.

Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.

→ HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.
Deputy Director
(Research)

CONCUR:

JOSEPH V. CHARYK
Under Secretary of the Air Force

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NRO - EKC vs DOD photo processing
Memo to DNRO from DD/R

10 July 1962

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8 June 1962, NRO group met with DIA, EKC, AFCIN reps to work out a system whereby DOD facilities could be used ~~xxx~~ in order to expedite processing and duping community reconnaissance products. A schedule was worked out whereby EKC would process original for the principal customers (NPIC) and possibly one or two others) after which the original would go to an NRO-designated DOD facility for further processing and distribution, after which the original negative would be returned to NPIC custody. ILLEGIB